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GENESEE VALLEY HANDSPINNERS GUILD

President's Message

Tina Turner

The May meeting went very well. Many people learned how to use the drop spindle, and we learned a lot about the knitting looms. Thank you to Jen Adams for showing us the possibilities of the knitting loom, and all those who helped teach the drop spindle workshop! Guild members suggested these workshop/demo ideas, so please keep the good ideas coming! All suggestions are welcome!

June will be the Musical Wheels meeting. If you're in the market for a new wheel—this is the meeting to attend! You will have the opportunity to try a variety of wheels at one time. We will be spinning fiber donated to Warm Extremities. Speaking of Warm Extremities, Jen Adams has graciously volunteered to be the coordinator of this area of our guild. She will need some help with storage, since her home is already quite full, mostly with family members! If you are able to help her out with storage, please let her know. She has some wonderful ideas about where our items can be donated.

June is also the time to elect your new board members. Many of the current board are running again, so if you are happy with how things are currently going, show it with your vote. If you feel it is time for some changes, please make your voice heard by voting at the meeting. All nominees have been contacted to verify their interest in the position.

Just a side note, I've already reserved Camp Stella Maris for next year! So, keep the third weekend in April 2008 available!

Happy Spinning!

Events Calendar

Date	Event
June 16	Guild meeting Board Officer Elections Musical Wheels
July 21	Triangle Loom Demo
August 18	TBA

Except where noted, the Guild's regular meetings are:

*Every Third Saturday of the month
10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.*

*First Presbyterian Church,
70 East Main St., Victor, NY.*

Come join us!

Editor's Corner

Courtney Richards

Despite indications to the contrary, your Newsletter Editor hasn't fallen off the face of the earth completely. Only partly, and temporarily at that.

The stars, moon, planets, and other cosmic forces recently came into full alignment, suddenly forcing Your Editor to choose between her favorite activities (such as this newsletter) and making a living again. The job won.

Yes, I have a job. Sincere thanks to all who have expressed care and concern over the months! I think all will be well.

Now that the first full week of work has passed, I have readjusted (somewhat) to the working life without passing out every day at 6:00 p.m.

Thus, I now return you to your better-late-than-never June newsletter as the deadline (6/25) for the July newsletter rapidly approaches.

Thanks for understanding! Hope you're having a great summer!

June Birthdays

Roberta Grainger – 9
 Libby Llop - 11
 Diane Seely – 14
 Kristin Welsh - 14
 Julie Lovejoy – 18
 Marilyn Aldrich - 20
 Dana Rae Tucker - 25

Best wishes to all!

2008 Calendar Project

Don't forget to bring in items of the month to be photographed for the 2008 calendar!

January	white/silver/lt. blue	July	red/white/blue
February	pink/red	August	Caribbean blues
March	green	September	Fiber Fest picture
April	yellow	October	orange/black
May	purple/lilac	November	harvest colors
June	flower colors	December	gold/red/green

Reminder Shepherds!

We are developing a pictorial display of fiber animals and farms for the Fiber Festival.

If you'd like to have pictures of your farm and animals included, contact Amy Klee at (315) 548-2032 or toothdoc@zoom-dsl.com before June 1, 2007.

Spin With Others!

Do you need extra social spinning “fixes” between monthly meetings? Do you already spin with others between meetings on a regular schedule?

Let us know!

If you have a group that has room for other spinners, or you're interested in starting a group, please contact the Newsletter Editor and we'll publish your information in the next newsletter.

New Members

Diane Seely

Please welcome our newest members:

Marilyn Aldrich
 Debra Blaszkow

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Fiber Fest is Coming!

Yes, the Fiber Fest is coming! Here are the workshops that will be offered. More details will be provided as the festival approaches. Please send updates and corrections via email to the Newsletter Editor.

Saturday Classes		
Time	Title	Teacher
10:00-12:00	Cables Galore	Tamara Kelley
10:00-12:00	Spinning Flax	Freda Peisley
10:00-12:00	Drop Spindle Spinning	Sandy Moore
10:00-1:00	Weaving 101	Eileen Easterly
11:00-12:30	Scribble Scarf	Erin Kosich
11:00-1:00	Looming Ahead	Jen Adams
12:00-2:00	Beginning Spinning on a Wheel	Carolyn Ravello
12:30-1:30	Spinning Novelty Yarn	Alanna Wilcox
12:30-1:30	Learn to Spin Cotton on Your Wheel	Alanna Wilcox
1:00-3:00	Christmas Wool Felt Penny Rug	Jill Formella
1:00-4:00	Top-Down All-in-One Raglan Sweater	Tamara Kelley
2:00-4:30	Feltmaking Fun	Sandi Cirillo
2:00-4:30	Socks, Socks & More Socks	Carol Wood
2:00-5:00	Dress Your Loom Alone	Freda Peisley
2:30-3:30	Felted Stocking and "50 Ways to Recycle a Sweater!"	Christine Haag
2:30-4:00	Go Fish	Erin Kosich

Sunday Classes		
Time	Title	Teacher
All Day	Fantastic Colors from Natural Dyes	Carol Wood & Debbie MacCrea
10:00-12:00	Drop Spindle Spinning	Sandy Moore
10:00-12:00	Hand Painting Yarn	Betty Todd
10:00-12:00	Spinning Silk	Freda Peisley
10:00-12:00	Crazy Quilt	Alanna Wilcox
10:00-12:00	Needle Felted Flowers	Deborah Hartmann
10:00-1:00	Easy Tapestry Weaving	Eileen Easterly
11:00-12:00	Pin Me	Erin Kosich
12:00-2:00	Beginning Spinning on a Wheel	Carolyn Ravello
1:00-3:00	Spinning with Dyed Wool Locks	Deb Santolla
1:00-3:00	Punch Needle Embroidery	Alanna Wilcox
1:30-3:30	Get Shorty	Erin Kosich
2:00-4:00	Looming Ahead	Jen Adams

Warm Extremities at the Fiber Festival!

Jen Adams, Warm Extremities Coordinator

This year, the GVHG would like to invite you to join with us to help our community through our Warm Extremities program. Guild members contribute to this in a variety of ways. Some members donate fiber, others spin donated fibers, some knit, crochet, or weave items, and yet others do a combination of these things.

Each year, we choose one or more areas of focus for our project. One such area this year is the Rochester City School District.

We realize that there may be people in our community who would like to participate, so we extend the invitation to all to join us in this endeavor.

If you would like to make something by hand with our homespun fibers, feel free to contact me. If you would like to use purchased yarn, that is fine, too. Purchasing ready-made hats and mittens is great as well. We will be collecting donated items at the Guild Booth at our annual Fiber Festival. (The weekend of September 15th and 16th at the Hemlock Fairground.)

Please join us in keeping area children warm this winter!

You may reach me by email at adamsclan@usadata.net or by phone at 585-624-4156.

Ads and Other Events

For Sale: Yearling Cormo Ewe

Amy Klee

Asking \$75.00.

Please contact Amy Klee (315)548-2032 if interested.

For Sale: Norwegian Wheel

Norwegian upright/castle type wheel, double drive, onboard lazy kate, 1 bobbin, nice red accents. This wheel spins very nicely. I've spun and plied a full bobbin's worth on it. I'm asking \$325.00. I will bring the wheel to the guild meeting.

Contact Diane Seely, 585-889-3562.

Marathon Alpaca Farm & Fiber Mill Open House

Odalis and Sam Groome, Marathon Alpacas, LLC

Announcing the Grand Opening of "The Fiber Mill," Saturday, June 16 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Marathon Alpacas and Fiber Mill! The mill is just minutes off I-81 at exit 9 in Marathon, NY. Follow the signs to the top of the hill.

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For more directions or inquires about the mill please call (607) 849-6628.



2007 Schedule

The Museum is open May 28-August 25, 10 am-4 pm, Saturdays only.

Learn more at:

www.hometextiletoolmuseum.org

Weaving & Fiber Arts Center

Adult and Youth Classes at Village Gate
Weaving - Spinning - Knitting - Felting
Dyeing - Shibori - Kumihimo - Temari
Marbling - Papermaking
Beading - PMC jewelry

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Genesee Valley Handspinners Guild Membership Application

- Full Membership** \$12/year Includes attendance at all meetings, receipt of *Ewe's News*, GVHG's newsletter, advance information for special workshops, the annual *Finger Lakes Fiber Festival*, access to GVHG's library, and the camaraderie of other hand spinners!
- Family Membership** \$17/year
- Newsletter Only** \$7/year —

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birthday (mm/dd): _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by: E-mail -or- USPS

E-Mail: _____

What spinning wheel(s) do you own? _____

How long have you been spinning? _____ Would you like to demonstrate spinning? _____

Would you like to be a mentor? _____

What other fiber arts or hobbies do you do? _____

Do you have a favorite fiber(s)? _____

Do you own any fiber animals? _____

Would you like to be involved with planning the Fiber Fest? _____

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